

I regret to say that Mrs F.
(from what I heard, for she kept
her room) seemed but little able
to make the journey - However,
I trust that she may get there
safely, & derive benefit from
the Mountain air -

My kind love to Mrs Gray
I believe me, very truly yrs

E.

I wonder what you are doing
?

Flora ? no.

Geneva ? no.

Exploring exp. ? (perhaps)


Herder } a little of all
Wright } these (perhaps)
Kandheimer } but rather doubtful

Sundries - yes. heaps!

New York, 19 Aug. /52.

My dear Gray -

I, yesterday, received
your parcel containing my
Traxini, & other matters, for
which I am much obliged -
Your Carex shall be returned
by some future opportunity.

By the look of my papers
you must be rich in the few.
Traxinus, as you only plead
guilty to robbery, in a single
instance! How is this?
Have they abandoned the noble
Rumford system -  at the
Hort. Cantab? or is it that
the great examples of gene-
rous self-devotion set

by Louis Prop.^a & Dan.^l Webster
are already ameliorating
mankind! No doubt such
disinterestedness must react
upon the age that produced
such exemplars!

Well - I shall restore my
ashes to their brazier, &
I will bear witness, that, to
your craft of undertaker, you
do not add the congenial branch
of "Resurrection-Man". The
Species are all just as I un-
derstood them, except that I
did not know that *D. jussland.*
was a Syn.^m of *D. viridis*.

But what a reduction of
Species! a very comfortable
minced-meat method of
elaborating a genus - I have
been looking over Short's

Desmodia, at his request, which
has led me to examine my own,
& I find that I have a specimen
of Ravenel's - labelled by Curtis
D. leuigatum, but it is unifo-
liolate! which doubtless escaped
the observation of Curtis, & I call
your attention to it, as I believe
you possess Ravenel's plants,
that you may see how it com-
pares with your *D. Wrightii*.
Is *Desmodium humifusum*
good for any thing? & if so,
have you got a Boston Spec.ⁿ
to spare, as I never saw it.

In a week or two, I mean to
boot out my Dup.^s which I shall,
as before, send on to you for
some of your affectionate B. D.s.

I saw Torrey, two evenings
since, he went, yesterday, to
Cattskill with his family, but